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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH )  
IMPROVED DESIGN FREEDOM OF )  
EXTERNAL TERMINAL )  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on November 17, 2005. Payment for three months' extension of time is attached hereto. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any additional fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

Claim 8 is canceled without prejudice to reentry and incorporated into claim 1. Claim 5 is made independent. New claims 18 and 19 are entered, and are patentable for the reasons below. Withdrawn claims 10-17 are canceled without prejudice to reentry.

Claim 18 depends from claim 1, and new claim 19 is similar to claim 1, but recites a silicon wafer in line 2; the new dependent claims follow the pending claims depending from claim 1. Claims 18-19 are supported at page 22, lines 2-6 of the specification.

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